

Funding Available for Round Five

Publicly-Accessible Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Funding Program Criteria

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is committed to encouraging consumers' use of EVs by supporting the development of EV infrastructure in Connecticut. Furthermore, DEEP's Comprehensive Energy Strategy has identified expanded use of EVs as an important goal of the statewide transportation energy strategy. Following the successful initiation of our EVConnecticut Incentives program, funds are now available to support up to 20 newly purchased and installed, publicly-accessible EV charging stations at business locations.

Available Funding:

DEEP¹ is offering two levels of funding. Funding for up to one half of the project cost will be available for projects which are accessible to the public at no cost, 24 hours a day, seven days a week and located at a major traffic generator such as a downtown area or other central destination that is presently underserved by EV chargers. For these priority areas, the maximum award available will be \$5,000 per unit or \$10,000 per location. For all other projects, the maximum award available will be \$2,000 per unit or \$4,000 per location (i.e., up to two chargers installed on one property).

Preferential Criteria

DEEP will consider the overall cost effectiveness and the potential for early completion and operation of each proposal. Proposed projects will be selected based on a set of preferential criteria including, but not limited to:

- The commitment of the applicant to make the EV charging station readily available to the public with no fee, or a nominal fee² for at least the next three years;
- The commitment of the applicant to have a publicly-accessible EV charging station operational as soon as possible, but no later than April 1, 2015;
- Units are operational and available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week;
- Location:
 - At a major traffic generator, which is defined as an important regional attraction, event, or facility that attract persons or groups from beyond a local community, city, or metropolitan area; this can include tourist destinations and downtowns;
 - In areas underserved by EV charging stations;
 - Within walking distance of restaurant, retail and/or entertainment opportunities;
 - Along major thoroughfares and in high traffic areas;
 - Along transportation corridors, including state highways;
 - At high profile/high traffic installations, such as those at train stations and airports;
 - Locations providing lighting, and shelter; and
- Situating each EV charging station so it can accommodate at least two vehicles.

Applicant Responsibilities

All applicants must submit their proposal no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 5, 2014.

Applicants must have site control³ over the location of the proposed charging unit. Application forms may be found on the [EVConnecticut Webpage](#). Awarded applicants must:

- Procure the EV charging equipment specified in their application;

¹ Funding is made available pursuant to the Northeast Utilities-NStar merger agreement of April 2012.

² Applicants planning to charge a nominal fee for the first three years must submit a business model with their application form. (See "Applicant Responsibilities" above.)

³ Site Control means (1) ownership of, a leasehold interest in, or a right to develop a site for the purpose of constructing the EV Charging Station; (2) an option to purchase or acquire a leasehold site for such purpose; or (3) an exclusivity or other business relationship between the Applicant and the entity having the right to sell, lease or grant the Applicant the right to possess or occupy a site for such purpose. Documentation for verification may be requested.

- Install, maintain and operate the EV charging equipment for a minimum of three years;
- Give approval to DEEP to post location and availability information of EV charging station on U.S. Department of Energy website;
- Agree to operate the charging station(s) as a not-for-profit venture for the life of the unit(s);
- In lieu of a commitment to provide no cost charging for 3 years, applicants may assess a fee of up to \$1.00 per hour, provided they have also submitted for approval a business model for an open access payment system that accepts major credit cards and allows immediate access to the charger with no additional required contact. This business model must accompany the application form.

Completed forms and all inquiries should be directed to EVConnecticut@ct.gov.

Reimbursement Requirements

Prior to reimbursement, awardees must:

- Install approved signage;
- Demonstrate compliance with selected criteria from the application form;
- Submit a business plan for operation of the unit after the first three years;
- Demonstrate full operation of the publicly-accessible EV charging station by
 - Submitting a copy of complete budget, invoices and cancelled checks as documentation of payment; and
 - Submitting a photo of the newly installed, operational unit, with signs in place.

All approved projects should be completed as soon as possible, but no later than April 1, 2015.

DEEP reserves the right to inspect the installation prior to reimbursement.

Existing and Proposed, Publicly-Accessible EV Charging Stations October 2014

